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PILLAR STRUCTURE

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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference (1) is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. The references were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references (1 & 2) are attached hereto.

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5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 & 2.

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